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Sister Anne Anderson, a Women Religious of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Hamilton, Ontario, has worked in the health care ministry for 50 years as a nurse, manager and as a hospital CEO. She has led the ministry at its highest level for 18 years as President and Board Chair of the St. Joseph's Health System (SJHS), guiding it through its transition from being operated by the Sisters, to a corporation governed by a PJP Sponsor and lay board. Working with Philanthropic donors, she also helped build the reputation of Saint Joseph's Health System as an academic health sciences network affiliated with McMaster University with internationally recognized research.

Her accomplishments span both the health care and academic spheres. She has also held numerous leadership roles in the Faculty of Theology and Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto.

She encouraged SJHS to play a role in supporting the health services of indigenous communities,

including a Dialysis Centre on the Six Nations Reserve and a partnership with the Government of Nunavut to improve safety and services for Inuit peoples. She supported the growth and development of an International Outreach Program, which today partners with McMaster University to train physicians in Guyana, Haiti and Uganda.

One nominator wrote, "Sister Anne always talks about the 'the more.' She often recounts to us that the Sisters were taught to stand on their tiptoes to see who needs us next. When Sister Anne handed out the legacy awards recently, she called us, all of us, 'the new Sisters' and encouraged us to build a new legacy."

These are but a few examples of the many ways Sister Anne has mentored, influenced and dedicated her life to the healing ministry of Jesus and the mission and values of Catholic health care at the local, nation and international levels. For all these reasons, and most especially for your spiritual presence, guidance and wisdom, we award you with the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada Lifetime Achievement Award.

